

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

1. An image forming apparatus comprising:
 - an image bearing member;
 - a movable belt, wherein an image on said 5 image bearing member is transferred toward said belt;
 - a supporting member for supporting said belt, wherein said belt has a first engaging portion, and said supporting member has a second engaging portion, and said belt is regulated in a 10 lateral shifting by engagement between said first engaging portion and said second engaging portion;
 - a regulating member, disposed out of contact with said belt, for regulating movement of said first engaging portion,
- 15 wherein when said belt moves, said regulating member is effective to prevent said first engaging portion from disengaging from said second engaging portion.
- 20 2. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said regulating member is disposed opposed to said first engaging portion with said belt interposed therebetween.
- 25 3. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said regulating member is disposed upstream of a region where said belt is contacted to said supporting member

with respect to a movement direction of said belt.

4. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said regulating member is a rotatable member.

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5. An apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein a rotational axis of said regulating member is inclined with respect to a direction perpendicular to the movement direction of said belt.

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6. An apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein said regulating member is inclined in the direction of urging an end portion of said belt outwardly.

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7. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein a distance from a surface of said belt to said regulating member is smaller than a length of said first engaging portion.

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8. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said first engaging portion has a projected portion, and said second engaging portion has a recessed portion.

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9. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said supporting member is rotatable member around which said belt is extended.

10. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said belt is an intermediary transfer member onto which the image is transferred from said image bearing member, and the image on said belt is transferred onto a
5 transfer material.

11. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said belt is a feeding belt for carrying the transfer material, wherein an image on said image bearing
10 member is transferred onto the transfer material on said belt.

12. A belt moving apparatus comprising:
a movable belt;
15 a supporting member for supporting said belt, wherein said belt has a first engaging portion, and said supporting member has a second engaging portion, and said belt is regulated in a lateral shifting by engagement between said first
20 engaging portion and said second engaging portion; a regulating member, disposed out of contact with said belt, for regulating movement of said first engaging portion,
wherein when said belt moves, said regulating
25 member is effective to prevent said first engaging portion from disengaging from said second engaging portion.

13. An apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein said regulating member is disposed opposed to said first engaging portion with said belt interposed therebetween.

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14. An apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein said regulating member is disposed upstream of a region where said belt is contacted to said supporting member with respect to a movement direction of said belt.

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15. An apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein said regulating member is a rotatable member.

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16. An apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein a rotational axis of said regulating member is inclined with respect to a direction perpendicular to the movement direction of said belt.

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17. An apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein said regulating member is inclined in the direction of urging an end portion of said belt outwardly.

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18. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein a distance from a surface of said belt to said regulating member is smaller than a length of said first engaging portion.

19. An apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein
said first engaging portion has a projected portion,
and said second engaging portion has a recessed
portion.

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20. An apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein
said supporting member is rotatable member around
which said belt is extended.

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